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Library and U.S. Forest Service Announce Joint Project on Papers of Conservationist

The Library of Congress and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, have announced a cooperative effort to organize a portion of the largest collection of personal papers in the Library. The collection, the papers of Gifford Pinchot, began arriving at the Library in the 1940s. The papers cover the whole life of Pinchot (1865–1946), who was the first chief of the Forest Service, a two-term governor of Pennsylvania, and a lifetime conservationist. Pinchot, together with Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir, initiated efforts to conserve the natural resources of the United States 100 years ago. From their activities—and those who followed them—have come today's national forests, national parks, and wildlife and wilderness protection.

Standing among Pinchot's papers are Jean Pablo (left) and Richard Bickel.

The project, which will undertake the processing of some 400 manuscript containers of papers covering the years 1890 through 1910, is expected to take about 9 months. The period selected includes the years that Pinchot headed the Forest Service (1905–1910) as well as the beginnings of the conservation movement in the United States. The whole collection of Pinchot papers is contained in 3,235 manuscript boxes taking up more than 1,300 linear feet of shelf space (one quarter mile). *(Cont. on p. 162)*

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Because of the interest of the Forest Service, conservationists, and scholars in the life of Gifford Pinchot, the service has made available $20,000 to cover the cost of the project. The Forest Service also manages the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies, based at the Pinchot family home in Milford, Penn. The home, called Grey Towers, is maintained by the Forest Service as a national historic landmark.

Joe Miller, professor of history in the College of Forestry at Yale University, has been named project administrator, and Jean Pablo, historian and expert on the life of Pinchot, is managing the work on-site in the Library's Manuscript Division. During the course of the project the papers will be examined and organized, marked for preservation work if appropriate, inserted into acid-free folders, and inventoried. The inventory will then be described in a database and cross-referenced for easy retrieval in the future.

The papers donated to the Library of Congress cover not only Pinchot's forestry work, but also his two-term governorship of Pennsylvania. Pinchot was a consummate note-taker. Personal diaries with daily entries for much of his life are included in the collection, including his student years at Yale University and in forestry school at Nancy, France. The Pinchot family founded the forestry school at Yale in 1900. Also included in the papers are correspondence, memoranda, speeches, articles, pamphlets, clippings, reports, financial papers, photos, and other memorabilia.

In addition to his career in public service, Gifford Pinchot was an avid fisherman, yachtsman, and author. During his lifetime he published several books on forestry as well as one on fishing, and a documentary account of a yacht trip to the South Sea Islands. His best known book, *Breaking New Ground*, covers his efforts to introduce modern forest management techniques to the United States.

"We are very pleased to have this assistance in organizing one of our largest collections," noted Rick Bickel, assistant head of the Preparation Section of the Library's Manuscript Division. "We look forward to other such cooperative arrangements in the future."

The processing of the materials in the Pinchot papers will help scholars and authors as they study Gifford Pinchot and his participation in the early conservation movement in this country.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Graphic Artist Antonio Frasconi To Speak at Library

The Children's Literature Center in the Library of Congress is celebrating the Year of the Young Reader and International Children's Book Day with a program featuring Antonio Frasconi, internationally acclaimed graphic artist. The event is scheduled for May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mumford Room of the Library's James Madison Building.

Antonio Frasconi was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of Italian parents, and grew up in Montevideo, Uruguay, where he went to school and learned to paint. In 1945 he arrived in New York to study at the Art Students League and remained in this country to become one of its most outstanding artists.

Antonio Frasconi has written and illustrated some of the most innovative children's books of our time. In these the artist is a teacher; the world is his classroom. His illustrations and his prose are alive with the sounds of nature. Some of his books are bilingual; two of the most popular, *See and Say* (1957) and *See Again, Say Again* (1964), introduce the young reader to words in four languages—English, Spanish, Italian, and French.

International Children's Book Day is an annual project of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) and is celebrated around the world on or near April 2, the day of Hans Christian Andersen's birth. The program, the third in a series funded by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, is free and open to the public. Call (202) 707-5218 after May 1, for reservations.

Library Publishes New *Tracer Bullets*

Four new *LC Science Tracer Bullets* have recently been published by the Library.

LC Science Tracer Bullet; Biographical Sources in the Sciences. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 88-3). December 1988. Compiled by Janet Terner, Constance Carter, and Ruth S. Freitag, this literature guide provides basic information on men and women of science—historical and contemporary—are included.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Fiber Optics. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 88–2). April 1988. Compiled by John F. Buydos, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on fiber optics, focusing primarily on recent developments in the application of this light pulse technology to all aspects of telecommunications.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Science Fair Projects. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 88–4). December 1988. Compiled by Constance Carter, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on sources that assist junior and senior high school students and teachers in planning, preparing, executing, and evaluating science fair projects.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Soil Erosion. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 88–5). November 1988. Compiled by John F. Buydos, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on the many physical aspects of the problem of deterioration of soil.

Copies of *Tracer Bullets* may be obtained free on request from the Science Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

Library Issues New Network Planning Paper

A report from the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee (NAC), *Intellectual Property Issues in the Library Network Context: Proceedings of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting, March 23–25, 1988,* is now available.

Issued as Number 17 in the series of *Network Planning Papers* by the Network Development and MARC Standards Office, the report (ISBN 0–8444–0636–8), 98 p., may be obtained for $7.50 from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

NAC focused its March 1988 program session on identifying key issues of intellectual property rights in the library network context. The goals were to continue the educational process for NAC constituents and other appropriate groups.

The proceedings contain a background paper, "Intellectual Property Issues and Information Networks," which served as the basis for the presentations and discussions. The summary of the presentations and the NAC working group deliberations also includes the NAC consensus concerning problems in applying the provisions of the current copyright law. Some modifications to the copyright system should be undertaken gradually and the concept of fair use can work in the networking environment. However, NAC members realized there are areas of uncertainty about the definition of certain concepts and terms in the copyright law.

The March 1988 program session followed the April 1987 meeting,

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New Center for the Book Poster

A new poster celebrating books, reading, and the life of the imagination has just been published by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. "A Book Is the Best of Friends" is a colorful reminder of the magic of words on paper, an evocative tribute to the stimulating worlds to be discovered in the pages of books.

Appropriate for 1989, the Year of the Young Reader, this full-color poster is based on a black-and-white photograph by William Kuntzman of Powell, Wyoming. Mr. Kuntzman's photo, "The Magic of Reading," was a prize-winning entry in the "A Nation of Readers" photography contest sponsored by the American Library Association and the Center for the Book. The arresting 24 x 36-inch poster created from this image shows a child imagining the story she has just read. The poster is dominated by shades of blue, orange, pink, and amber, and is printed on heavy, coated stock. It is available for $10 from the Library of Congress Sales Shop and by mail from the Library of Congress, Box J, Washington, D.C. 20540 (please add $3.50 shipping and handling for mail orders).

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which provided NAC members with a general understanding of the issue of intellectual property rights in the new technology-driven electronic environment. The results of the April 1987 meeting were issued in *Network Planning Paper* Number 16 under the title *Intellectual Property Rights in an Electronic Age* and can also be obtained for $7.50 from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

Questions concerning the work of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee and its publications should be directed to the editor, Sigrid G. Harriman, Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

The Library of Congress observes
TWO HUNDRED YEARS
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Congress Bicentennial Programs

Exhibition

The Tides of Party Politics: Two Centuries of Congressional Elections, 1789–1989.

A display of one hundred maps of congressional elections.

Madison Foyer, to July 30.

Publication

Respectfully Quoted: A Dictionary of Quotations Requested from the Congressional Research Service. (520 pp.)

Available by mail for $29 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (cite stock no. 030–001–0016–4).

Librarian Briefs Local Law Firm Librarians

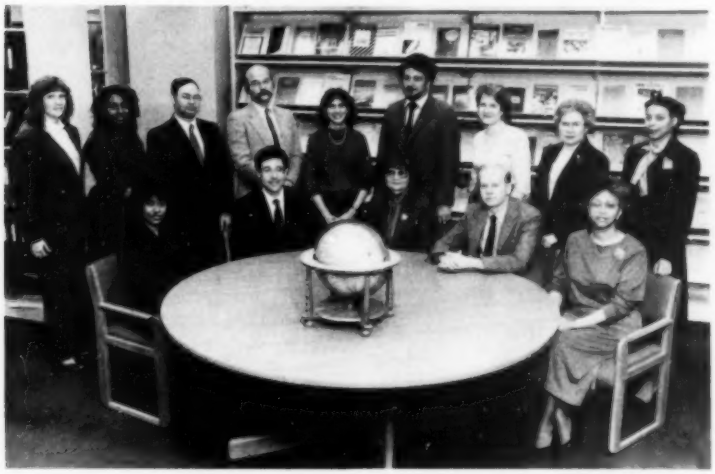
Metropolitan area law firm librarians attending a breakfast in the Library hosted by the Law Library and Mead Data Central on January 17 were given an overview of the Management and Planning Committee's findings of the past year by Dr. Billington. The talk was accompanied by slides conveying working concepts ranging from a definitive enumeration of the Library's values to the expectations of the Library's transition plans for the coming year.

Folklife Center Program Highlights Folk Songs

Marcia and Jon Pankake performed songs from the book they compiled, *A Prairie Home Companion Folk Song Book*, on January 10 in the Whittall Pavilion. Children from the second grade class of Capitol Hill Day School joined in the event, which was sponsored by the American Folklife Center.

STAFF NEWS

Staff Members Explore Administrative Interests



Back row (from left): program coordinator Linda Carr, Wanda Perry, Carl Peterson, Quinn Robinson, Marjorie Hatch, Charls Jenkins, Carol Steininger, Barbara Panitz, Gwenell Bass. Front row (from left): Beverly Murphy, Joseph Puccio, Ruth Nieland, Lea Coryell, Cornelia Goode.

The eleventh Administrative Detail Program at the Library of Congress began on March 13. Thirteen positions in the Library were filled with staff members selected to participate in this three-month program which will run through June 9.

The Administrative Detail Program, a part of the Library's Affirmative Action Plan, provides selected staff members a unique 90-day opportunity to "test the waters" of management or administrative careers. While individual experiences vary, past participants and supervisors have found this program to be rewarding. The administrative knowledge gained by participants while on these details often enhances performance in their permanent positions.

Following is a list of names of the 1989 class (**in bold type**), their regular supervisors (in roman), and their detail supervisors (*in italic*):

Gwenell Bass—John Fischer (Congressional Research Service, Economics Division), *Donald Panzera (Processing Services);*

Lea Coryell—Sallie Fenn (Processing Services, Subject Cataloging Division), *Nancy Davenport (Congressional Research Service, Office of the Assistant Director for Special Programs);*

Cornelia Goode—Dorice Williams (Processing Services, Subject Cataloging Division), *Charlene Woody (Research Services, Science and Technology Division);*

Marjorie Hatch—Ronald Morse (Office of The Librarian, Development), *John Celli (Processing Services, Cataloging in Publication Division);*

Charls Jenkins—Cleo Mabry (Processing Services, MARC Editorial Division), *Gary Columbia (Management Services, Procurement and Supply Division);*

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Karen Pataky Honored For Community Service

Karen J. Pataky, nurse practitioner in the Library's Health Services Office, was one of nine Washington, D.C., area residents to be honored by WUSA-TV for outstanding community service. She was selected in recognition of her involvement with the Whitman-Walker Clinic Support Group Program.

In a ceremony held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in March, Ms. Pataky was honored as one chosen from among 200 nominations by a diverse panel of civic leaders.

A volunteer at Whitman-Walker since 1985, Ms. Pataky has worked with a variety of AIDS-related support groups, including groups for "the worried well," persons living with HIV+ infection, and significant others. She began the first HIV+ support group for women. She coordinated HIV+ referrals, and was co-coordinator of the Support Group Program during 1987–88.

Ms. Pataky was a founder of BEAT (Black Education Against AIDS Task Force). She is also chair of the District of Columbia Nursing Association's AIDS Education Committee and a member of the District of Columbia Nursing Board.

George A. McKay Retires

George A. McKay, a catalog filer in the Catalog Management and Publication Division, retired in December after completing 26 years of Federal service, 21 of which were devoted to the Library's card catalogs.

Mr. McKay began work at the Library in 1962 as a mail clerk and was promoted the next year to motion picture technician. In 1965 he

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earned an Achievement Award for his participation in the project to remove nitrate film from the motion picture collection.

In 1966, Mr. McKay was promoted to microfilm reading room assistant in the Stack and Reader Division. He became a catalog-filer trainee in the Catalog Maintenance and Catalog Publication Division's Filing Section in 1967 and was promoted to his current position a year later.

Mr. McKay earned a Special Achievement Award in 1986 for his work on the 1984–88 effort to review the 25 million cards comprising the Library's Main Catalog in preparation for its filming and distribution on microfiche by K. G. Saur, Inc.

During his Library career, Mr. McKay also served as a volunteer tour guide for the Educational Liaison Office and as treasurer of AFSCME Local 2477.

A retirement reception and a luncheon were held in honor of Mr. McKay, who now plans to travel.

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Beverly Murphy—David Marshall (Processing Services, Serial Record Division), *Cole Blasier (Research Services, Hispanic Division);*

Ruth Nieland—Margaret Cytron (National Programs, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped), *Christopher Wright (Research Services, Loan Division);*

Barbara Panitz—Mary Hooper, (Processing Services, Descriptive Cataloging Division), *E. Christian Filstrup (Processing Services, Overseas Operations Division);*

Wanda Perry—Jonathan Tetzlaff (Research Services, Federal Research Division), *Susan Bates (National Programs, Retail Marketing);*

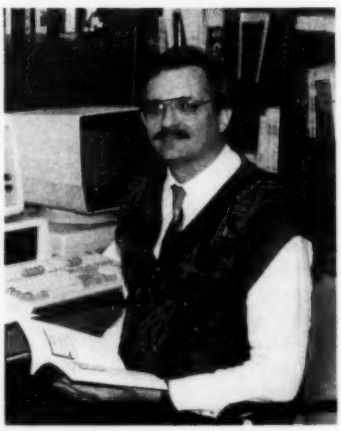
Carl Peterson—Bohdan Yasinsky (Research Services, Preservation), *Joseph Hickerson (National Programs, American Folklife Center);*

Joseph Puccio—Irene Schubert (Research Services, Serial and Government Publications Division), *Cynthia Johansen (Processing Services, MARC Editorial Division);*

Quinn Robinson—Sallie Fenn (Processing Services, Subject Cataloging Division), *Peter Sparks (Research Services, Preservation);*

Carol Steininger—Donna Cauthen (Copyright Office, Cataloging Division), *Bessie Alkisswani (Congressional Research Service, Operations).*

James Herndon, Foreign-Language Librarian



He's a "one-man show," said a coworker about James Herndon, foreign-language librarian in the Collection Development Section of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH). Mr. Herndon's preparation of the recently issued revised edition of NLS/BPH's *Foreign Language Books 1988,* is just one example of his expert librarianship—the updated catalog lists the foreign-language titles produced by NLS/BPH since the collection was started.

"This new catalog contains more than 600 titles in Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Portuguese. Most of the titles are in Spanish, and this reflects the growing importance of this linguistic minority in the United States," commented Mr. Herndon. Mr. Herndon, who majored in Spanish at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Md., has been foreign-language librarian at NLS/BPH since 1978.

"While we don't have enough titles in all languages, our foreign-language collection has come a long way in the past ten years," he said. Noting that he receives requests "for every language you can think of," Mr. Herndon explained that in addition to the five languages listed in *Foreign Language Books 1988,* NLS/BPH also has produced titles in Polish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian, which are available to NLS/BPH readers through their cooperating libraries. The NLS/BPH collection also includes holdings of braille and recorded titles in about 12 other languages.

Another NLS/BPH publication feat managed by Mr. Herndon is *Foreign Language Referral Bibliographies and Source Documents,* a massive reference work that assists librarians in meeting the demands of researching unusual foreign language requests. The work, that presents information on more than 40 languages and provides a compendium of both NLS/BPH titles and other U.S. and foreign sources of foreign-language books, has been distributed to the NLS/BPH network of 150 cooperating libraries.

Jim Herndon's challenges in foreign-language development do not end with his work at the Library. He recently married Marija Oranska, a native of the Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia. Said Mr. Herndon, "We are concentrating on Marija's acquiring English right now; after that I hope to learn Macedonian."

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Yoshiko Roache Earns 20-Year Service Award

Yoshiko Roache, a verifier in the File Management Section of the MARC Editorial Division, received her 20-year Federal Service Award pin in March. Susan H. Vita, chief of the MARC Editorial Division, honored Mrs. Roache in a small gathering in the division office.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Roache received an associate's degree in home economics from Meguro-Doresu-Makar Jogakuin in Tokyo.

Mrs. Roache began her Library of Congress career in 1969 as a library aid in the Shared Cataloging Division. During the same year she moved to the Photoduplication Service as a film editor. In 1970 she returned to the Shared Cataloging Division as a library technician in the Japanese Section. In 1974 Mrs. Roache was promoted to MARC verifier in the MARC Editorial Division's Data Preparation and Verification Section through the "Training, Appraisal, and Promotion Program" (TAP).

In the MARC Editorial Division, Mrs. Roache has served in various organizational units and since 1976 has worked in the File Management Section. She has developed a high level of expertise in MARC content designation for the books format as well as the authorities format for name and series records. Her contributions to the building and maintenance of the MARC databases have been recognized with a Quality Service Increase in 1980, a Special Achievement Award in 1984, and an outstanding performance evaluation in 1985.

For the past 31 years Mrs. Roache has lived in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Ronald, have two sons, Ronald Roache of Washington, D.C., and Jerome Roache of Seattle, Wash.

Library's Office of the General Counsel Receives Letter of Appreciation from GPO

John Kominski (left), Grant Moy, Lana Kay Jones, and Drew Spaulding, deputy general counsel for GPO.

Grant Moy, general counsel for the Government Printing Office (GPO), recently visited the Library of Congress to present a letter of appreciation to John J. Kominski, general counsel for the Library, in thanks for assistance given to GPO.

The letter, which commended the Library's Office of the General Counsel for its help, cited in particular the work of Lana Kay Jones, assistant general counsel. Mr. Moy presented Ms. Jones with a letter of thanks and an embossed copy of the most recent edition of the annotated *Constitution of the United States of America*.

Suzanne Torin, Talking Book Narrator, Receives Alexander Scourby Award

Suzanne Torin narrates talking books for the blind and physically handicapped, and her achievement in that art won her the 1988 Alexander Scourby Award.

Ms. Torin works for the American Foundation for the Blind, one of several organizations contracted by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH) to produce talking books for its consumers. Frank Curt Cylke, director of NLS/BPH, noted that Ms. Torin's receipt of the Scourby Award was a singular accomplishment, as she was chosen from among more than 300 talking book narrators by a vote of the readers themselves.

Staff Carpool Locator

Carpool on compflex schedule from Bowie, Md., may have opening soon. Leaves Tasker Jr. High School area at 5:50 a.m. Contact Keri Price, ext. 79490.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Thursday, May 18

☐ "Washingtoniana II: What Is It?" (architectural drawings), Leslie Freudenheim, Prints and Photographs Division. LC Professional Association. Room LM 139, 12:10 p.m.

☐ Polish Music, Outdoor Concert Series, American Folklife Center. Neptune Plaza, 12 noon.

☐ Antonio Frasconi speaks, Children's Literature Center Program. Mumford Room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19

☐ Janos Starker, violoncello, and Menahem Pressler, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

☐ "Hebraic Collections at the Library of Congress," Michael Grunberger, head, Hebraic Section. LCPA. Dining Room A, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 25

☐ "Latin American Women: The Visual Memory," Asunción Lavrin, Howard University. LC Hispanic Cultural Society. Room LM 139, 12 noon.

☐ "Management and Information Technology: New Dynamics," Rhoda Canter, Associate Librarian for Management Services. LCPA. West Dining Room, 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

☐ Tenth Processing Services Musicale. Coolidge Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 1

☐ Display on Mihai Eminescu, Romanian poet. European Reading Room, through July 31.

Friday, June 2

☐ American Music for Wind Ensemble, MusicCrafters, conducted by Frederick Fennell. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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